Quiz 4-4-16  
Local Governments  
  
1. Anyone who lives in a metropolitan area is likely to be governed by   
a. municipal and county governments.   
b. school districts.   
c. hospital districts.   
d. all of the above..   
  
2. Which of the following is not a special district in Texas?   
a. Hospital district   
b. Metropolitan transit authority   
c. Municipal utility district   
d. Municipal government.   
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are creatures of the state and have only as much power as the Texas Constitution and Texas legislature grant them.   
a. Counties   
b. Special districts   
c. School districts   
d. All of the above.   
  
4. Which of the following allows registered voters to force a sometimes reluctant city council to place a proposed ordinance on the ballot?   
a. Initiative.   
b. Earmarking   
c. Mandate   
d. None of the above   
  
5. A majority of U.S. cities have all of the following except   
a. partisan elections..   
b. council-manager form of government.   
c. at-large elections.   
d. powers of initiative and recall. 

6. In many cities, some or all of the city council members are elected by voters of the entire municipality rather than from neighborhood districts. This is called a(n)   
a. pure at-large system.   
b. at-large city elections..   
c. at-large system.   
d. multi-member districts.   
  
7. The commissioners court acts as a legislature   
a. with limited authority to approve the budget for all county operations.   
b. to set the tax rate.   
c. to pass ordinances on a narrow range of policies.   
d. all of the above.   
  
8. Which of the following is not a power of a county judge?   
a. Performing marriage ceremonies   
b. Serving as the head of civil defense   
c. Exercising judicial authority over felony cases.   
d. Conducting hearings for beer and wine permits   
  
9. The county sheriff has all of the following functions except   
a. law enforcement in the county.   
b. hiring deputies.   
c. operating the city jail..   
d. delivering and executing court papers.   
  
10. All of the following are criticisms of special-district governments except   
a. ​they disproportionately benefit low-income citizens..   
b. ​they are too small to achieve public attention.   
c. ​they are too numerous to be held accountable.   
d. ​they are too small to be efficient. 